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will take place in October.
With the exception of the above, the
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EDWARD RAYMOND,

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Hongkong, Sept. 23, 1914. 1025

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY
YEARLY MEETING of Share-
holders in the above Company will be
held at the Company's Town Office, 2
Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on
WEDNESDAY, 10th October, 1914, at
12.15 p.m. for the purpose of presenting
the Report of the Directors and of
dividends to 31st July, 1914.The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-
pany will be CLOSED from 1st to 10th
October, 1914, both days inclusive.
By Order,
M. MANUK,
Secretary.

Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1914.

NOTICE.

THE Board of Administration of the
Portuguese Customs "Patria" an-
nounce that until 10 A.M. on MONDAY,
28th September, 1914, tenders will be re-
ceived on board addressed to the Paymaster
for the sale of OLD BOTTLES, CIGARETTES,
TUBES and other OLD MATERIALS.
Tenders should be sent on board the said
G. ship at KOWLOON DOCK.All expenses incurred in the removal
of the mentioned articles to be borne by
the purchaser.Full particulars and any necessary in-
formation may be obtained on application
on board.Portuguese Consul at "Patria," Kow-
loon Dock, 28th September, 1914.BASILIO AUGUSTO DE ALMEIDA,
Lieut. Paymaster.

Hongkong, Sept. 24, 1914.

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THE BRITISH FORCE

ITS TRANSPORT TO FRANCE

A Splendid Achievement.

London, August 10th.—The despatch
of the British troops was carried out
with remarkable secrecy and success,
which were highly characteristic of Lord
Kitchener's methods. The troops, silent
and collected, and the drivers of the transport
trains, only received instructions as to
their destinations as the train started.
The only hints given to the public of the
approaching departure were visits by
British Generals to Buckingham Palace
and Marlborough House. His Majesty
the King visited Aldershot, and the
Queen visited Tidworth where they per-
sonally favoured the officers. Her
Majesty presented gifts to the men of
the 1st regiment.The embarkation was a grim, solemn
business. There were no fireworks on
the piers, but long lines of khaki clad
men marched to the docks in the early
morning, and the vessels slipped quietly
away. The ships of their transports
have nothing of their destination until
they opened sealed orders when three
miles out at sea, and some troops
were not even aware they were being
sent until a submarine, partly sub-
merged with flags, French and his
deck in the quarter-deck, and her decks
crowded for action, was seen passing.
The majority of the population at the
French port were unaware that a British
general was expected, though at the same
time the arrival of the transports aroused
great enthusiasm. The Military
Governor and the Mayor greeted General
French at the jetty.Each soldier carried a little slip of
paper, signed by Lord Kitchener, with
two hundred words of solid advice
(already published).When General Sir John French, at
the head of the forces landed at the
French port (the name of which has not
been published) he said to the Military
Governor of the port: "We are very
glad to be here; but have you lost us
any place to fill?"The Governor replied: "You will
make your place quickly enough."Since Monday a British Admiral has
been superintending the loading of army
supplies. Many military motors are
working in the district, which is placard-
ed with notices, in English, reminding
drivers that the French rule of the road
is "keep to the right." The town is
dressed with flags, every house being
decorated.Throughout Friday and Saturday, the
1st troops marched through the
streets to the camps pitched in the
French hills, and were quickly distributed
at various points at which the town is
virtually the centre. The whole opera-
tion was accomplished without excite-
ment, and everybody seemed to be doing
an everyday job.The precise contents of the hold of
every ship were known, and directly the
troops landed, the cargoes were carried
to pre-arranged places and shops, whereLOSING WEIGHT
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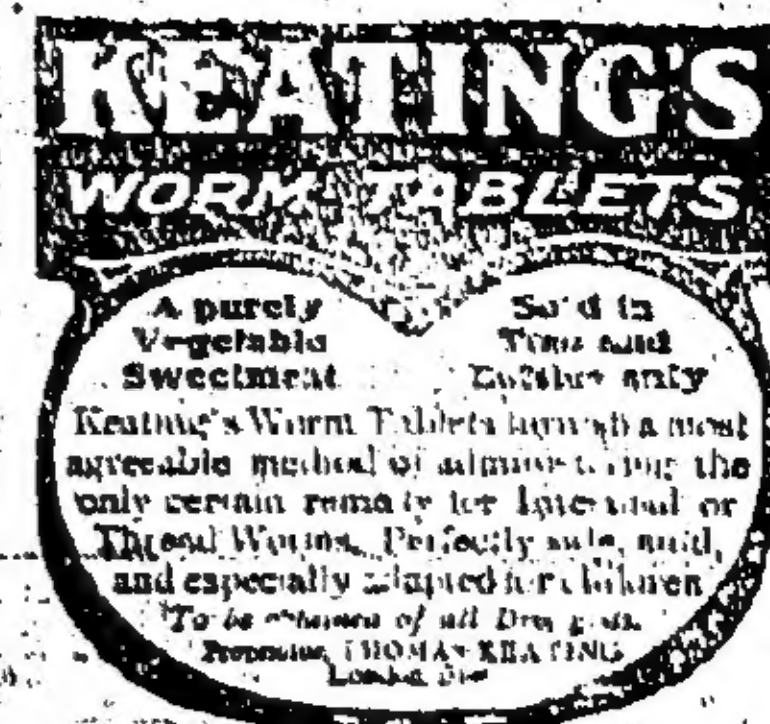
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the spaces had been exactly allocated.
It was manifest from the promptitude
and precision of this work that the
transport losses learned in the South
African War have not been forgotten.

TROOPS WATERSIDE.

The big, broad shoulders of the Bri-
tish soldiers made a great impression
upon the people though they were in no
need for noisy demonstrations, some-
times being their own relatives were
already fighting at the front. The Eng-
lish "Tommy" speedily fraternized
with the few French soldiers in the dis-
trict, and similar scenes of welcome and
friendship were witnessed at other points.
Letters from the troops state that the
French people are frantic with joy over
the arrival of the British force, and that
the women were weeping with delight.
Other accounts show that the troops
are in the highest spirits, and are sing-
ing military march songs on their way
to the front.

HOW THEY DO IT.

Extra Number.—The Gentlemen who
contribute to the Agency Column of
the "Times."To Ladies and Others.—Will anyone
who sympathizes with the undeserved
sufferings of fellow human beings assist
Cheyenne's Wife in this distress. Her
husband has dropped; telegram might fetch
him back; but have not money to pay
for cable. \$100.000 wanted, but would
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been carpenter, peasant, district magis-
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man, manufacturer of wooden pipes for jam,
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Highest references will be refused if
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Brilliant scholar, literary genius, superb
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laneous, tried administrator; also shorthand,
French, typewriting, and a little German.
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him will live to rue the day. Apply,
Box 222.Refined Field-Marshal would like to
hear of foreign potentate desiring to ex-
change position for one of greater free-
dom and less responsibility. Adver-
tiser's son, being certified aviator, would
make Crown Prince both ornamental
and useful in disturbed district.
Broad High Churchman. Apply, Box
333.Refined Ex-Premier (Public School
and University Man) feeling frightfully
feebly from fever, seeks Southern sun-
trip to thoroughly localize culminating
crumbling constitution. Would willingly
work substantial success openly
office. Present Plight Most Monstrous.It is understood, says the Telegraph,
that the sum paid for the two Turkish
battleships taken over by England amounts
to nearly £5,000,000, and the destroyer-
leaders represent an outlay of about
£300,000. The aggregate expenditure will
be approximately £5,250,000.The Chinese costume ball given at
Marble House, Newport, for the Duchess
of Marlborough, by her mother, Mrs.
Oliver H. P. Belmont, and the dinner
before the ball given by Mrs. Stuyvesant
Fish, at Orono, in honour of the occa-
sion, were, says New York correspondent
ladies affairs, and marked the opening of
a long line of entertainments. The verandah
dining-room, and hall were combined to
form the dinner room at Orono, and
furnished to represent the Temple of
Heaven, the Summer Palace at Peking.
Wonderful gowns imported from China
were worn by all the guests at the costume
ball, the decorations and favours were all
Chinese, and many were strictly be-
autiful. Mrs. Belmont represented the late
Empress of China, and the Duchess of
Marlborough was Lady Chang.

PEAK CLUB.

BY kind permission of Colonel Watson
and others, the BAND of the 74th
PUNJABI will play at the Peak Club
on SATURDAY night, the 27th instant,
commencing at 9.15 p.m.

By order,

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE.
Hongkong, Sept. 18, 1914.

THE FRENCH COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

The French Commander-in-Chief is a
man of the same type as Stagnell
Jackson. He is a soldier who believes
that when fighting has begun no pity,
no personal favour, above all no politics,
should be allowed to influence in the
slightest degree the conduct of the cam-
paign. He gives orders and expects
them to be carried out; if not, there is
trouble; he may sympathize with the
incompetent, but he cannot overlook
failure. After the manoeuvres of last
year he dismissed five Generals. Paris
speaks. Every general in France was
excited. Nothing like it had ever hap-
pened before. General Joffre said: "It
was essential for France's security
that they should be deprived of their
commands. They disappeared from the
active list. France, which had known
little of the masterful chief of the Gen-
eral Staff before, suddenly became aware
that its armies were being reorganized
by an exceptional man. Everyone will
remember how Stagnell Jackson was
the most hated man in the Southern
American Army because of the rigour
of his discipline—until he became the
hero whom men would follow anywhere.
It has been said that if France had
a Joffre in 1870 the Germans would not
have won. He has been at the head
of the Army for three years and during
three years he has not forgotten for a
moment the purpose for which he
was appointed—to prepare for the
day in which France is engaged to-
day. Under his iron rule the war cor-
respondents with the French army are
being treated with severity; General
Joffre has decided that no correspondent
of any kind, French or foreign, shall
approach even the neighbourhood of his
armies until they have won the first of
their victories. There is excellent reason
for this severity. The French War
Minister said recently: "We lost Sedan
through a telegram sent to the French
newspaper 'Le Peuple' telegraphed
from Paris to London, published there,
re-telegraphed to Berlin, and thence to
the German General Staff, who thus
learned the direction of MacMahon's
march. We are not going to take any
risk of that kind in this war." The
error of General Joffre has been excep-
tional from the first. When war was
declared in 1870 he had scarcely finished
one year at the Polytechnique (which
corresponds to our Woolwich Royal
Military Academy). At eighteen he was
given his commission and as an artillery
subaltern took part in the defence of Paris
during the siege. He attracted attention,
he was employed in the reconstruction
of the Paris fortifications which immedi-
ately followed upon the war. The
forts at Enghien were of his designing,
and one day Marshal MacMahon, after
inspecting his work, put a hand upon
his shoulder and said: "I congratulate
you, Captain Joffre." So well had he
done here that he was sent to Pontlevy
to assist with defences. "This is all
very well," he said, "but I don't want
to make fortifications all my life. I
want to command troops." He is now
in command of one of the largest armies
the world has ever seen. Before the
great war Stagnell Jackson was only
known as a quiet man very fond of
his Bible and his studies. General Joffre
too at home is a quiet man and gives
the impression of reserve, but in the
field and in the office he is the inexor-
able commander: "as hard as nails," a
man feared, as well as obeyed, even by
his own generals.It is not generally remembered that
Earl Kitchener served in his youth as
a volunteer for the French against the
Germans in the war of 1870-71. He is
a perfect French scholar, a person
gratified with the French nation.R. B. Loggan accomplished a re-
markable bowling feat for the Free
Foresters against Malvern by taking five
wickets with five balls, four of which
were clean bowled. He bowled the first
batsman with the second ball of the over
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